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### The End of the Car Strike.

The Tri-City Railway company could not well longer delay making the first substantial move to break the strike deadlock with its rating, its income entirely cut off and, worst of all, the people were becoming accustomed to walking or employing other means of transportation. Between two and three hundred jitney busses—operating, it is true, at a dime a throw—were running in the three cities and more were getting into the field daily, and their operators were all making money, if reports are to be credited.

Gasoline, which cut so heavily into the revenue of the company a few years ago, played no small part in bringing the strike to an end with a substantial victory for the employees. Automobile permits, issued by Rock Island, were due to expire tomorrow. The company was anxious to prevent their renewal and to force their retirement under the permanent injunction which automatically becomes effective when municipal consent to operate is withdrawn.

Everybody will be glad to see the cars running once more. Though they may not be a necessity and their absence from the streets has facilitated motor traffic, no one will deny that they are a great convenience and decidedly preferable, even in warm weather, to jitney busses. Let us hope that this definitely ends the wage controversy.

### Naming a Ship.

Rock Island is unusually honored in being permitted to name two ships of the United States merchant fleet. One already is sailing the deep bearing the name of this city on its prow. The cognomen for the other remains to be selected, and The Argus has been authorized to receive suggestions to be passed upon by the local Liberty loan organization, headed by Frank Mixer. The time to make a choice has been shortened because of a misunderstanding, so no names will be received after next Saturday. Give the matter some thought and send in what you consider most fitting.

It is understood that the committee will favor a name of special local significance—one which, if possible, will be instantly associated with Rock Island by those who see it, wherever the ship may carry it—certainly one which will convey the connection to anyone even remotely acquainted with the city and its history. Finding an appropriate name is not so simple as it may seem.

Put on your thinking cap and send The Argus the fruits of your mental effort.

### Deflating Prices.

For the novelty of descending prices in the list of necessities of life we will have to thank President Wilson. He it was who set in motion the machinery which has already squeezed some of the air out of inflated quotations and which we hope may continue its good work so that in time the benefits will be passed down even to the "ultimate consumer."

Whatever the federal government can do will be done, that may be depended upon. If necessary embargoes will be placed limiting exports of the things most urgently needed in this country. Certainly the profiteers will be given attention as quickly as the evidence can be secured to warrant prosecution.

Entering an order for the sale of more than one hundred millions worth of canned and preserved army foods is ascribed as a reason for yesterday's decline in prices. That, of

course, is having its effect, but it must be remembered that there is only about a dollar's worth for each individual in this supply, and that will not go very far. Also, it has been known for weeks that these goods were to be sold directly to the people at less than market prices. Other causes must have entered into the precipitate tumble of market quotations.

One of the most potent of these was the conviction suddenly forced upon dealers that the administration means business and that the full power of the government is being brought to bear to relieve conditions. Exposure and punishing of profiteers, sale of army stores, embargoes and, if necessary, the subsidizing of wheat growing by buying this year's entire crop at the fixed price and selling it for less, taken together, constitute a formidable program to launch at one time against high prices. With the president, fully awake to the seriousness of the situation and on the job directing affairs, it is no wonder that those who have been getting more than their share of the profits are beginning to weaken.

### Justice for Fitzgerald.

Refusal of lawyers to defend a criminal does not necessarily mean that justice is doomed to miscarriage. In the case of Thomas Fitzgerald, the Chicago monster, the reverse is true. It means that chances favor a fair trial—fair to the public as well as to the defendant.

The court has been trying to find an attorney willing to represent Fitzgerald, but without success. No matter how badly members of the profession need the business or the advertising they feel that they cannot afford to be associated with a cause which is so thoroughly disreputable. The fact that the defendant has no money may also have something to do with it.

Of course counsel eventually will be found and the trial will take place with due regard for the forms of law, and the defendant will get about what is coming to him and get it without waste of time. Disinclination of lawyers to fight his battle for him means that there will be no dilatory tactics—no effort to take advantage of technicalities which usually constitutes nine-tenths of the program of defense in a case where guilt is so clearly established as it is in this one.

When mother brings home some of that canned beef that the war department is about to place on the market soon, John, who has been overseas, probably will go visiting. Army meats are wholesome and they will no doubt please the palate of civilians, but for the boys who have had to eat them in an army mess tent they are apt to bring up unpleasant associations.

The market remains overstocked with beef and mutton and wholesale prices continue to come down. The retailer who keeps his selling schedule revised to correspond closely with what he pays for his goods deserves present patronage and should be remembered and supported later for the service he is performing.

The N. C.-4, which flew across the Atlantic, is to come up the Mississippi next month. A submarine and fleet of chasers started early in the season but were turned back by low stages of the stream. It is hoped that the N. C.-4 will do better. We always have water enough here to float an airship.

Perhaps the Tri-City Railway company, which stood pat with more than a hundred jitneys taking the local field, weakened because a passenger carrying air service was promised for Rock Island.

Actors in one place threaten to strike and grave diggers in another have done so. The public has more pressing problems than the issue in either case. It can get along for the time being without both.

Judge Crowe will arraign the race riot defendants at Chicago. From the record of the grand jury so far reported it looks as if it will be mainly a Jim Crow affair.

The effort to settle the issues arising out of the high cost of living offers unrivaled opportunity for presidential aspirants to show their caliber.

Bela Kun, the Hungarian dictator, got away with 5,000,000 crowns. Crowns are now worth only 6 cents, but it was the best he could do.

## Chords and Discords

### Woman Suffrage Note.

Two women fought on Second avenue over a man the other day.

While it is true we can forego pies, the price of which have been raised, still Charley Chaplin admirers would be willing to stand a box office advance in order that their idol continue to have a full supply with which to smear the faces of his fellow actors. A Chaplin comedy without pies would be like Hamlet with the chief character omitted.

In Kentucky a returned overseas soldier, a Republican, has been elected to congress. If the returned soldiers stick together politically they can put across almost anything that they start.

Thomas Brown, manager of the telephone company, had nothing to say when asked for an interview on the strike. Wise man. A statement from a telephone official just now would be like a red flag before the eyes of a mad-dened bull.

Chicago is to have an additional 1,000 policemen. More officers will not tend to lessen crime. It will only cause the crook to be more alert.

Chicago women have formed a club to boost Lowden for the Republican presidential nomination. Branches are to be formed over the country. Who's paying the bills?

Former Senator James Hamilton Lewis says we'll next have to lick Japan. And he predicts that we may not be so sure that England, Russia and the new Germany won't be aids of the Nip in the event of a clash between that country and the United States. You may recall that Mr. Lewis made a similar prophecy several years ago. Think it over.

Count Von Bernstorff says the worst mistake of the war was Germany's failure to understand the United States. Wrong. It was the failure of the United States to understand Germany. The latter had been secretly conspiring against America for years. Germany always understood the United States. Germany knew the United States was acting honorably. Germany acted oppositely.

B. Brady is mayor of Huntington, Ind. Write your own.

American newspaper readers are getting their first peeps at the women movie stars of Germany. The Hun press agent is again on the job. Publicity is credited with winning the war for the allies. Germany believes, and rightly, that the same agency will enable her to regain her position in the graces of those nations with which she has been at fighting odds. And convincing will come to us to forget any quicker than pictures of beautiful women.

It has been established at Mount Clemens that Henry Ford can read and write. But does little of either, the testimony of witnesses showed. When you get as rich as Henry you can afford to employ a secretary to do your writing for you. And, as for reading, you will be too busy counting your income to waste your time perusing books and papers.

"Prices Hold Public Eye."—Headline. And the public purse also, it ought to be added.

A Chicago minister, just returned from France, says every mother and wife with a son or brother sleeping on the other side, should be permitted to visit the grave of her loved one, and that if she has not the money to pay the expenses of the trip the government should provide her with transportation free. A beautiful thought, and one the government should adopt. It would be little enough to do for the poor mother or wife for the sacrifices they made. Those who profited millions on war contracts could win favor for themselves by creating a fund to defray the cost of such trips. It might, in a measure, relieve their consciences.

Senator Lodge charges President Wilson "holds out" on the League of Nations. Leave it to the president to have an ace in the hole. He'll uncover when the opportune time comes. And he'll have the winning hand, too.

A New York actress carries a half pint of hard liquor in her stocking. She declares "they'll never enforce a visit and search law on my cellaret." You might be able to whistle a wheeze about a kick in that bottle of red eye. An officer that attempted a seizure of the precious container would leggo pretty quick, take it from the girl who carries it inside her stocking.

The Lexington "News" observes with a certain amount of resignation that the only city it knows of where the inhabitants find no fault with the way things are run is a cemetery.

Finley Peter Dunne is editor of Collier's Weekly. As you read these heavy editorials you wonder if it is possible that they were written by "Mr. Dooley."

J. M. C.

## HEALTH TALKS

BY WILLIAM BRADY M.D.

### What's Biting You Today?

It takes from 30 to 100 stings to make a man immune to bee stings. Somehow this treatment reminds me of some of our modern remedial measures: very successful, but so expensive.

A solution of 20 grains of permanganate of potash in a teaspoonful of water makes an excellent application for bee stings. Keep gauze or cotton wet with the solution on the affected area. A teaspoonful of household ammonia in the same quantity of water is another local application which relieves bee stings. If the spot can be examined with a lens the sting may sometimes be found and withdrawn with tweezers which have been sterilized in a flame or by boiling. Common clay or clean mud (alkaline) is an old and useful emergency application for bee stings. Formic acid is the irritant in most insect stings; neutralize it so far as possible by applying alkalies, such as salaratus (sodium bicarbonate, soda). This applies to mosquito bites also. Besides applying ammonia to mosquito bites, menthol, ten grains in cologne water or other toilet water, four ounces, makes a grateful application for the itching.

When the wood tick bites he buries his head and his body disappears with blood. If the tick is brushed off the head remains in the wound and causes inflammation and swelling. Touch the tick with a drop of turpentine and he will spontaneously withdraw from the operation; or, if you chew tobacco, give the animal a chew—the effect is just as disastrous.

Bedbug bites require weak ammonia or spirits of camphor or weak carbolic acid solution. The same remedies relieve the irritation of common flea bites.

The harvest bug is a minute insect which may be seen in the skin of the armpit, scalp and elsewhere as a minute red or orange-red

point, which may be picked out. Straw itch or grain itch is caused by a parasite that lives on grain-destroying pests. It produces lesions resembling chicken-pox and hives, but more itchy than chicken-pox; and it is unlike ordinary itch (scabies) in that no lesions appear on the hands or wrists as a rule. The itching subsides in a day or so, and the eruption after another week. Sulphur ointment is the best application.

**Questions and Answers.**  
Body Temperature—Is a person in danger if the temperature is found two degrees below normal?  
MISS E. H.

Answer—No, the body temperature may be two degrees below the average at times in natural circumstances. A clinical thermometer is a bad thing to keep about the house—it causes much more anxiety than it ever relieves. The body temperature is taken about ten times too much anyhow, particularly by amateur nurses.

**Tuberculosis.**—1. Where is the best climate for arresting tuberculosis? 2. Does a high altitude affect one's heart? 3. How long would one have to stay if, for instance, one went to Colorado to eradicate T. B. incipient? 4. Please give formula for quitting tobacco.  
O. H. S.

Answer—1. There is no best climate the chance of an arrest is as good at home, wherever you live, as in any other climate. All climates look good if they are sufficiently far away. Climates are like specialists of great notoriety, and amateur tuberculosis patients are like children in their faith in fairy tales. You make your first serious mistake in changing climate without out the advice and sanction of your own physician. 2. Yes, sometimes. 3. No matter where you go, plan to stay there the rest of your life. 4. Send stamped, addressed envelope.

## Argus Information Bureau

(Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The Argus Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. Give full name and address. Be brief. All replies are confidential. The replies being sent direct to each individual. No attention will be paid to anonymous letters.)

**Q.** How many people died during the "flu" epidemic last year, and what was the estimated economic loss to the country?  
H. F. B.

**A.** About 500,000 died. The economic loss from death, sickness and disability was reckoned between three and four billion dollars.

**Q.** What is a good way to remove ink from the fingers?  
J. H. D.

**A.** Catch the head of an ordinary match and rub briskly on stain.

**Q.** Is the turkey an American bird?  
N. V. K.

**A.** Yes, he was found in America in his wild state when Europeans first came here. About a hundred years after America was discovered, broiled young turkeys became great delicacies on French tables.

**Q.** What was the total cost of the war?  
H. V. B.

**A.** The cost of the war to April 30, 1919, was \$21,500,000,000—more than \$1,000,000 an hour for over two years.

**Q.** Can you give me the height of the highest waves ever measured on the ocean?  
P. L. R.

**A.** It is said that the highest billow yet measured was 32 feet in height. This was on the Pacific ocean. They are said to be not over 30 feet high in the north Atlantic.

**Q.** What was the first book ever printed with type?  
G. H. K.

**A.** According to Pettigrew, the first book printed in type was the Latin bible. It was printed by John Gutenberg at Mayence, about 1455. There are only 20 copies of this edition known to exist, and the workmanship in type, ink and paper were better than in any subsequent edition for 200 years.

### Today's Events

Bolivia celebrates today as her national independence day. Today is the centenary of the birth of Samuel P. Carter, a Tennesseean, who was both a rear admiral and a major general in the service of the United States. Many leaders in religious and civil life are scheduled to address the International Christian Endeavor convention at its sessions in Buffalo today. A meeting of the North Carolina Cotton association was called for Raleigh today to lay plans for an intensive warehouse campaign. A two-day conference opened at Duluth today by the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, which advocates a deep waterway from the great lakes to the Atlantic. Presidents of commercial clubs and highway commissioners from Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, California and the Dakotas met today in the Yellowstone National park to consider plans for a system of western interpark highways.

## Brad's Bit O' Verse



### STARTING THINGS.

A weary traveler viewed his farm with looks of pity and alarm. His faith grew dim and gloom prevailed; his hope and courage almost failed; for withering winds commenced to blow and fields dropped in the sun's hot glow; and east or west or north or south there seemed no respite from the rain. Then came a little drop of rain and looked upon the scorching plain. "I'm such a small and helpless mite; what could I do to stop that blight? It takes so much to start a flood; I surely cannot do much good; but I'll do the very best I can." So saying, from the cloud it dropped, and down into the cornfield flapped; and then the brother came along and beckoned to the halting throng; they trailed that drop in flocks and droves, and soaked the blighted fields and groves. You think there's nothing you can do to help a fellow man pull through; but make a start and do your best, and help will come to do the rest. A kindly word, and action wise, may help some struggling one to rise.

CLEM BRADSHAW.

### Today's Anniversaries

1843—First national temperance convention in Germany opened in Hamburg.  
1844—Alfred, duke of Edinburgh, second son of Queen Victoria, born at Windsor castle. Died in 1900.  
1849—Treaty of peace concluded between Austria and Sardinia.  
1856—Most Rev. James H. Blenk, archbishop of New Orleans, born in Bavaria. Died in New Orleans April 20, 1917.  
1894—Austin Blair, governor of Michigan during the Civil war, died at Jackson, Mich. Born at Caroline, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1818.  
1897—King of the Belgians arrived in England to visit Queen Victoria.  
1914—Austria made a declaration of war against Russia.  
1915—French stopped German as well as the British in Argonne and on heights of the Meuse.  
1916—Russian forces crossed the Sereh and captured six villages from the Austrians.  
1917—American tank steamer Campania sunk by German submarine off French coast.

### In the Day's News

Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit, who is reported to have resumed operations with a large band of followers, has been the means of no end of trouble in Morocco in the past. Raisuli has been described as the most picturesque brigand of modern times. He is a native of Zinat, and in his early life was a farmer. His first operations as a brigand were in the Moroccan mountains. Then, in 1903, he abducted Walter Harris, correspondent of the London Times, and held him for ransom. The performance netted him \$10,000. The next year he captured Mr. Percaris, an American, near Tangier, and demanded a ransom of \$50,000. Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States, demanded of the sultan of Morocco "Percaris alive or Raisuli dead." Percaris was released after an American fleet made a demonstration before Tangier. A later and more profitable exploit of Raisuli was his abduction of Harry McLean, for whose release the British government handed over a ransom of \$100,000.

To remove grease from leather basin of life. New of an egg on the spot and dry in the sun.  
Diamonds worth \$100,000 have been obtained in two months on a farm in the Orange Free State.

## Sketches From Life

BY TEMPLE



"He Is Out of the City"

## Heart at Home Problems

MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON

Dear Mrs. Thompson: How could a girl in her early teens refuse to accept a ring from a boy whom she goes without hurting his feelings?

Also why is it had taste on the part of a lady to accept jewelry from a gentleman unless they are engaged, if her mother does not care.  
BROWN EYES.

The boy ought to know that it is not the proper thing for him to offer jewelry to a girl. There are so many other gifts that are appropriate that he should use better judgment in his selection.

The girl's mother should object. Then the girl could use her mother's disapproval as an excuse.

The reason why jewelry is not an appropriate gift is because it is usually costly. When a girl accepts a costly present she is under obligations to the man who gives it. A relationship springs up which is not limited to friendship.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: We are two girls of 15 who do not work, consequently have plenty of time to go out. There are two boys who persist in showering their attentions upon us and get very jealous if we go out with any other boys. What should we do, as they are nice boys and we want to keep

your friendship and still enjoy ourselves with others? We feel that we are too young to hold any particular friendship, as these boys seem to want us to do. Please advise us.  
M.

Let them get over their jealousy, girls, as best they know how. Of course, you don't want to abbreviate your list of boy friends to two and two only.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: (1) While away on a visit, would it be proper to drop a line or two to a certain boy friend in my home town?

(2) When a young man calls for you, should you let him come to the door and wait for you, or should you be ready to go out when he comes?

(3) When your escort leaves you at your door after an entertainment what should you say? How should you thank him for his company? I mean? Should you invite him to call again?  
EDDIE.

(4) Send him a card if you are very good friends, but otherwise do not write unless he made that request.

(5) Let him come to the door and invite him in to sit down while you put on your wraps.  
(6) Say, "I enjoyed the evening very much." Yes, invite him to come again, but do not set the time.

## Household Hints

**Menn Hint.**  
BREAKFAST.  
Stewed Hackberries  
Tomato Omelet  
French Fried Potatoes  
Rolls  
Coffee  
LUNCHEON.  
Salami Sausage  
Tomato Salad  
Jelly  
Cocoa  
DINNER.  
Radishes  
Young Onions  
Roast Loaf of Pork  
Brown Gravy  
Boiled Rice  
Creamed Carrots  
Lettuce  
Gelatin  
Coffee

**Canning Season.**  
Raspberry, Currant and Gooseberry Conserve—Use equal quantities raspberries, currants and gooseberries. Put raspberries in saucepan. Crush fruit in bottom, cover, let simmer half hour. Strain through cheesecloth. To extract juice add currants and gooseberries. Boil until fruit is soft. Weigh and equal amount of sugar. Boil 10 minutes or until right consistency. Pour into sterilized jars. Tomato Marmalade—One gallon ripe tomatoes, six lemons, one-half pound raisins, four pounds sugar.

Peel tomatoes and cut into slices. Cut the lemons into thin slices, remove lemon seeds. Remove raisin seeds. Put slices of tomatoes, lemons, raisins and sugar in layers in preserving kettle. Heat slowly to boiling point, then simmer until thick. Pour into sterilized glasses and seal.

**Mulberry and Gooseberry Preserves.**—One quart mulberries, one quart gooseberries, one cup sugar, one cup syrup, one pint water. Wash and stem mulberries and gooseberries. Place gooseberries in kettle with water and boil about 10 minutes; add mulberries, sugar and syrup and boil until done. Pour into pint jars and seal.

**Quince Honey.**—Three cups white sugar, three cups quinces, water. To the three cups of sugar add a little water to make syrup. Add three cups of ground quinces and cook down slowly until like jelly, and put in jelly glasses.

**Lemon Pear.**—Three quarts cut pears, two lemons, four cups white sugar, three cups water. Peel pears and cut into chunks size of hickorynut or slice in thin slices; to three quarts of the prepared pears add two lemons cut in chunks, rind and all but seeds; add the sugar and water and stew slowly for four hours, then can and seal.

**New Discoveries.**  
Potatoes are sorted with meat in order to neutralize the acids. One potato will neutralize the acids of three slices of roast beef. While rice

is a substitute for potatoes it only provides the starch and in order to obtain the potassium necessary for neutralizing the acids you should include cabbage, celery, milk, apples or prunes in the meal.

The flavor of chocolate ice cream can be greatly improved by adding a quarter teaspoonful of cinnamon to each gallon.

Give the back of the mirror two coats of silver aluminum paint as it is used on radiators. Then hang or paste a black cloth over the back.

When cooking vegetables keep the saucepan covered if you desire to serve them in their original color.

**SALAD.**  
Jellied Vegetable Salad—Two tablespoons gelatin, two cups chopped cooked vegetables, one-quarter teaspoon pepper, lettuce leaves, pickles, four cups hot vegetable stock or water, one teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon celery salt, salad dressing.

Dissolve the gelatin in the hot vegetable stock or water. Cool, add the cupful of chopped vegetables, the salt, pepper and celery salt. Pour into wet mold and when firm turn into crisp lettuce leaves. Garnish with pickles and serve with salad dressing.

**Cabbage Salad.**—One head cabbage, one cup milk, one cup vinegar, one and one-half teaspoons mustard, two tablespoons flour, butter size of an egg, pepper, salt. Cut the cabbage fine. Mix with milk and vinegar. Blend the mustard with the flour, and stir in the ture. Add butter, pepper and salt. Pour over the cabbage. A little sugar added to the dressing will improve it.

**Stuffed Tomato Salad.**—Peel medium sized tomatoes. Remove this slice from top of each and take out seeds and pulp. Sprinkle inside with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Fill tomatoes with mixture of mayonnaise dressing. Arrange on lettuce leaves and garnish top of each with mayonnaise forced through pastry tube.

**Green Pepper Salad.**—Two green peppers, two cups shredded lettuce, one-half cup French dressing, flavored with onion.

Wash and put the peppers into a hot oven; bake ten minutes. Remove, plunge into cold water and remove the skins and the seeds. Put in the ice box. When ice cold, shred with a sharp knife, place on lettuce and cover with dressing. Serve with crackers and cheese.

## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

### "THE CAVE MAN"

By Alvin Jordan Garth.

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The lonely, untraveled stretch of mountain and forest north of the border settlement of Euclid was called Land's End. When the little hamlet burned down one night it was blotted off the map and the final outpost of civilization became a mining town 50 miles to the east.

Laura Boyd, a young, pretty widow, looked to the general hegira as a relief from hard grubbing with no refinements. She had married a very ordinary man who had died leaving next to nothing. She had remained at Euclid because she could not very well get away, patiently accepting the burdens of necessity, but all the time dreaming of a better future and longing for some companionship in the real, bustling world.

True to her kindly nature she had remained in makeshift shelter until nearly all of the people of the settlement had left. Then, with her sole possessions, comprising a suitcase and a horse, formerly her husband's, she started alone for the nearest town.

Laura was entirely unfamiliar with the trail across the hills. However, she calculated that by closely following the beaten track made by those who had preceded her she could not go far astray.

"Better wait till next week, Mrs. Boyd," suggested a neighbor.

"Yes, and we can all keep together," submitted another.

"Besides, we're due for a storm, I'm thinking," added a weather-wise old man.

The predicted storm overtook her and she had to seek the shelter of a copse until nightfall. When it ceased she allowed the horse to follow his bent. The next morning a high wind prevailed, she was chilled and soaked to the skin. Between whistles she dismounted and rested, dealing sparingly with her meager supply of food. On and on went the horse, steed and rider were lost as to location or compass points.

Another day, another night. Now they were threading the mazes of a vast forest. The third morning Laura awoke from a soggy couch of fern and brush to find the horse had wandered off. Its rider was lost as to location or compass points.

When she awoke the next morning she was weak from lack of food. She found some wild berries and about the middle of the afternoon entered a narrow glade to discover a small habitation. As Laura peered it she discerned that it was built entirely of tree bark. Its door was open, she peered within.

The room beyond was furnished with a table, two chairs, and a couch. These were all made of roughly hewn trees. The covering of the couch was of deer skin.